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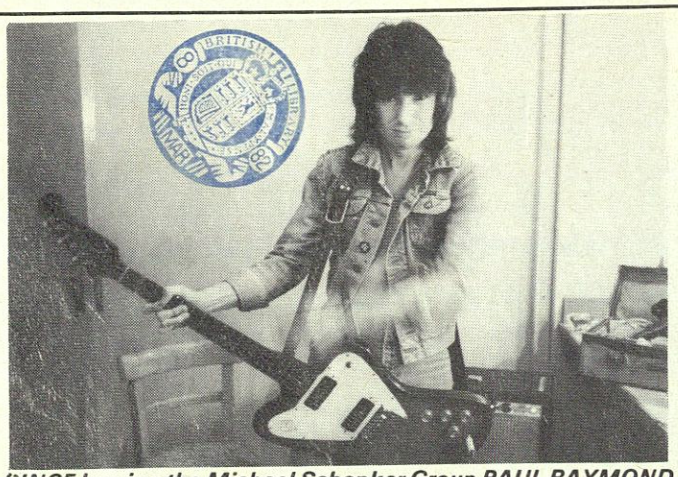


SINCE leaving the Michael Schenker Group PAUL RAYMOND (above) has been busying himself in the studios laying down tracks with various session musicians. Paul, who quit MSG to pursue his solo career, is currently residing in Los Angeles. Before teaming up with Michael in 1980 he had recorded three songs with the aid of drummer Paul Varley, Angel vocalist Frank Dimino and a hot 'unknown' guitarist Rick Ramirez. Raymondo has since come up with another selection of impressive tunes. 'Rude Awakening', 'It's A Crime' and 'It Ain't Your Business' are examples of the man's songwriting capabilities and it'll be interesting to see what he gets up to in the next few months. He may well be coming to London shortly but for the moment is continuing to work in LA.

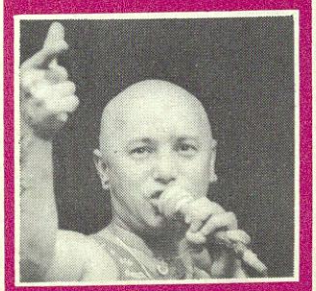
ACE drummer NICO McBRAIN (above) has confirmed that he is no longer a member of Trust. His departure came just a couple of days after the group's recent French tour and was the result of 'personal differences' with lead singer Bernard Bonvoisin. Nico had played on the new album 'Marche Ou Creve' (English title 'Walk Or Die') and was on good terms with the rest of the band, but after verbal conflicts with the vocalist he packed his bags and took the next flight back to England — Trust will doubtless find him hard to replace.

In the meantime, the former Pat Travers skinbeater is contemplating his next move. "I've got a few ideas up my sleeve but obviously I'm open to offers."

OUR East End sources report that **PAUL DI'ANNO** has been hard at work assembling his new band following his split with **Iron Maiden** last year. Apparently, having secured a guitarist, Paul recruited the bassist, drummer and keyboard player from the group **Minas Tirith** who were regulars at East Ham's Ruskin Arms. The new outfit is to be called **Lone Wolf** and rehearsals are currently taking place in London. The Ruskin, a notorious Maiden haunt, also served as a happy hunting ground for ex-**Angelwitch** guitarist **Kevin Heybourne** when he teamed up with **DEEP MACHINE**.

SAXON recorded the two Hammersmith gigs on their 'Denim & Leather' tour, as well as their pre-Christmas shows at Wolverhampton and London's Rainbow theatre, in order to compile a live album. Hopefully, it will be a double and should come out in the summer. No title has been decided upon as yet but the metal villains have toyed with ideas such as 'Do You Want It Louder'.

ROSE TATTOO, who were voted best new band in the Kerrang! readers' poll, are now back in Australia preparing to start work on their third album. It's provisionally titled 'Scarred For Life' and recording will span the months of January and February. Once again Vanda and Young are producing and the intended month of release is May. Tattoo fans will doubtless recall that the band were unable to complete their 1980 winter UK tour when lead singer Angry Anderson's (below) 'past life caught up with him' forcing an immediate return to Australia. The bad news is that it looks unlikely that we'll be seeing the lads in action until the summer because of commitments in Europe and the States. Their record label Carerre would also like to point out that their distribution is now being handled through RCA instead of WEA.



IT'S official! **DIAMOND HEAD** have finally secured a deal with a major label after a protracted wait, and are expected to release a single on MCA in mid-February. The Midlands-based HM combo have built up a hardcore following over the past couple of years but had remained neglected by companies. Sales of their product on the independent DHM label have been impressive and the new contract is justly deserved. Diamond Head also start gigging on March 25 and they'll be playing small concert halls and larger club venues through to mid-March.

FORMER **SCORPIONS** guitarist **ULRICH ROTH**, who has recorded a couple of albums

BRIAN ROBERTSON, now sporting a cropped barnet, has recently been working on a solo project in London's Good Earth studios. The ex-Lizzy guitarist has kept a fairly low profile since he parted company with Wild Horses although for a while he was playing with Roy Sundholm (who?). However, his new material sounds interesting and shows that Robbo is still capable of delivering a mean lead break. Meanwhile, his former stablemate JIMMY BAIN has also been recording and writing with various plans for the future.

PHOTO: Brian Robertson and wife Dee Harrington arriving at the premiere of the 'Heavy Metal' movie which was also attended by various members of Girlschool, Maiden, Samson and Stampede.

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